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TO: Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee

FROM: Jason T. Orthner, P.E.
Rail Division Director

SUBJECT: Federal Railroad Administration Grant – Southeast Corridor Rail Commission

This transmittal, including the attached form, is for informational purposes as per N.C. G.S. 136-44.36(b).

USDOT has awarded a \$1,000,000 grant to NCDOT under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 to establish the Southeast Corridor Rail Commission. The Southeast Corridor (SEC) Rail Commission will develop an actionable vision that will produce planning documents and deliver capital improvements targeted towards improved performance of the regional rail network. Under this vision, stakeholders and the public will benefit from an improved multimodal transportation system through the improved cooperation among the southeast states, USDOT, FRA, regional agencies, localities and private companies. The SEC Rail Commission member states include Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee as well as the District of Columbia.

No match is required under this appropriation.

Please contact me at (919) 707-4714 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Orthner".

Jason T. Orthner, P.E.

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cc: James H. Trogon, III, NCDOT Secretary
David L. Howard, NCDOT Chief Deputy Secretary
Julie White, NCDOT Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation
Johanna Reese, NCDOT Deputy Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs